

Of course Ezekiel accepted. He could not have done otherwise, no matter how hard he had tried, and it is safer to say that he did not try at all. This evening when many couples were leashed to the sitting room and Nellie excused herself to be agreeable. When her father rose to go she was much surprised to find how pleasant the evening had been. Ezekiel Beldon could really be very entertaining when the other crust of bashfulness wore off and his real self appeared.

This call was followed by many more till now the neighbors have made all arrangements for the wedding, even to the setting of the day and the style of the bride's dress and bonnet. — *Weekly Messenger*